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Stealth Candidates - Who they are, What they want, and Why they're dangerous

Stealth candidates are among the most alarming and more dangerous elements of the Extreme Right's political arsenal. They are candidates affiliated with Pat Robertson's fundementalist group "Christian Coalition" and whose purpose is to help carry forward their extremist agenda. They are called stealth candidates because they do not reveal their affiliation, they often campaign almost exclusively within affiliated churches, and they often present themselves as something other than a religiously–motivated activist, such as an anti–tax advocate.

Another factor has helped lead to their success: they target seats such as school boards, local and state party committee seats, and city councils. The general public is often not too concerned with these elections, and there is little competition. Yet, through these offices the Christian Coalition is gaining influence, and from these positions they can move to more influential ones.

With most of the issues right-wing extremists are concerned with fading away, the lesbigay community is being targeted more intensely than ever before. Additionally, the Christian Coalition has specifically targeted Pennsylvania as a state they wish to control. They have scheduled more workshops and conferences in this state than in any other in the union. The battle is just beginning in PA, and we expect it to heat up further over the coming years.

The goals of the right seem to be becoming more extreme as well. In addition to trying to prevent civil rights protection for lesbigay people from being put in effect, there also appears to be a movement within the Christian Coalition to outlaw homosexuality and make it punishable by death, as they claim it was in the Bible.

Stealth candidates are dangerous both because of their extremist agenda and because of their devious tactics. In this guide, we have been able to uncover some stealth candidates, but we know they are only a small fraction of those that are running. We have marked them with the skull and cross bones because they are a danger to society of which we must be aware.

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The Importance of Voting in this Election

Those who hold elective office have the power to affect your life through legislation. They can pass laws which can help protect you from discrimination and bashing or they can encourage such behavior. They can see to it that proper health care for HIV+ people and women with breast cancer is provided, or they can make it more difficult to get care and services. They can pass laws which can oppress or protect. What's more, they will definitely be making these types of decisions at least once a year, probably several times a year, for up to six years after this election. As such, they have considerable potential to affect your life.

The municipal (such as city council, mayor, township supervisors, etc.) races probably have the most obvious impact on our lives as lesbigay people. They have the ability to prohibit discrimination, fund AIDS and other health programs, set policy on bias crimes and so on. They also have the ability to fail to do this, or to make things more difficult for lesbigay people, particularily if they are affiliated with the Christian Coalition or one of its splinter groups.

The school directors have the opportunity to make life easier on our lesbigay youth by providing suppotive counseling and programs for youth who are exploring their sexual identity, whatever it may be. Thay can also play a crucial role in AIDS prevention. And they can help set standards whereby future generations may not be subject to as much prejudice as our current adult generations are.

Using this Guide

The purpose of this voter's guide is to let lesbigay and supportive voters know as accurately as possible candidates' positions on issues important to lesbigay people. It is not a slate, and nothing in this guide constitutes an endorsement. The ratings and the written summaries of each candidate are intended to be used together; one does not replace the other.

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself, or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It shows the strength and weaknesses of the various candidates across the spectrum of lesbigay issues. Sometimes, candidates overall may be equal, but may differ on their strengths within the range of lesbigay issues.

Candidates for which we had too little information in every category to rate have no entry in a rating table.

Besides providing general information about candidates running for various offices, this guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbigay civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage this.

Legend

✓✓ - Excellent	✓ - Good
0, - Neutral	✖ - Unsatisfactory
✖✖ - Poor	**NB** - No Basis for Evaulation
- Democrat	- Republican
L - Libertarian	***P*** - Patriot Party
G - Green Party	***I*** - Independent

Sources of Information

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters obtains information for this guide from various sources: a questionnaire sent to each candidate; voting records; mass media such as Out!, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Pittsburgh Press, the Altoona Mirror, the Erie Times, newswire services, other organizations such as the Learning Freedom Network and People for the American Way, and other miscellaneous sources. Although we do everything we can to assure the accuracy of all information in the Guide, because of the complex nature of data collection, we cannot assume responsibility for inaccuracies in the information presented in the guide, if any exist.

Subjects Covered

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbigay people. In Municpal races, we have looked at the areas of equality, couples, violence, and funding. In school director races, we looked at issues of equality, support , and education.

Equality: Under the area of equality comes topics concerning discrimination and the extension of protection from discrimination. This includes questions like whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbigay person or support anti-discrimination legislation.

Violence: This area covers whether the candidate is willing to address the problem of hate crimes against lesbigay people. Basically, it's about lesbigay bashing.

Couples: Under this subject, we address issues such as benefits for same-sex couples and recognition of same-sex couples. This is done primarily with the aim of trying to attain the ability to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Funding: We ask if the municiality will fund health and welfare organizations which happen to serve a predominantly lesbigay population. Whether

municpalities are doing any funding of this sort at all depends upon the municipality.

Support: This topic deals with making sure counselors are trained to deal with lesigay youth issues and providing a supportive environment to the lesbigay youth.

Education: This topic deals with seeing if AIDS education is taught adequately in schools, if homosexuality and tolerance is addressed in the health curriculum, and so forth.

Questionnaire

The questionnaire sent to each candidate covers a range of issues. Different types of questionnaires are sent depending upon the race. The following is a composite of the municpal questionnaires set. Following that is the School Directors questionnaire.

1. Would you be willing to meet with us a) before the election? b) after the election?
2. Would you appoint a qualified openly lesbian or gay person to your staff?
3. Would you approve the appointment of a qualified openly lesbian or gay person to a governmental position?
4 Would you issue an executive order banning discriminationon the basis of sexual orientation in the hiring and promotion of municipal employees?
5. a) Would you support or introduce legislation banning discrimination in housing, employment or public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation? [or support and defend Pittsburgh's?]
   b)Would you work actively to secure the passage of such legislation?
   c) How would you do this?
6. Would you pass a law requiring the mayor to collect hate crime statistics, including hate crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation?
7. Would you pass a law establishing a bias crimes unit in the police department?
8. Would you fund an organization which provided health and/or social services to a largely or predominately lesbian or gay clientel?
9. Would you support a law to extend health and welfare benefits to same–sex couples where at least one member of the couple is employed by the municpality?
10. Would you support a law allowing same–sex couples to register their relationship?
11. What message would you like to send to lesbian and gay voters in your community?

School Directors

1. Would you support lesbian and gay students' request for a gay students' club?
2. Would you support educating counselors in dealing with lesbian and gay youth issues?
3. Would you support sensitivity training on lesbian and gay youth issues for teachers?
4. Do you support Outcome-Based Education?

a) if yes, do you support including tolerance of people regardless of sexual orientation as an outcome?

b) if no, would you support including this topic in the curricula in some way, and how would you do it?
5. Would you support the inclusion of homosexuality in the sex education curricula, and how would you approach this subject?
6. Please explain your policy relating to AIDS education in the schools.
7. Would you support outreach programs for students trying to deal with their sexual orientation, like the Project 10 program in the Los Angeles, California School District?
8. Would you support a policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers?

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters

This publication is a project of the League and is the nineth of many voter's guides we will be publishing. The next will be available prior to the primary election in Spring of 1994. The first was published for the primary election of 1988. It is the result of the hard work of our members, the cooperation of our friends, and the support of our advertisers.

We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact the League and express your views about the guide.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is a non–partison organization concerned with issues of special concern to the lesbigay community in Pennsylvania. Our primary activities involve voter registration and education of voters, legislators and candidates. While we do rate candidates on various issues of concern to the lesbigay community, we do not endorse. The League sponsors a number of other projects:

• Legislative initiative - LGLV is actively involved in introducing and supporting legislation designed to protect lesbigay people from discrimination and promote equal rights for members of our community. We also deal with AIDS-related information and women's health concerns, particularly those of special interest to lesbians, such as breast cancer.

•Lobbying network - An important part of the League's lobbying efforts is the Lobbying Network. Members of the Network receive an LGLV Lobbying Network Constituent Sheet containing the names, addresses and phone numbers of their elected officials. They are notified when imporatant legislation is being considered and asked to call or write their legislator. Legislators take what their constituents say seriously, so the network performs a vital lobbying function.

•Candidate Forums - Candidates are invited to address our community, and to field questions and comments.

•Voter Registraion - Registering Voters within our community

• Information Systems Project - The League has thousands of pieces of information at its disposal, and is constantly looking for more. The Information Systems Project's purpose is to collect useful information, and, through the use of a computerized relational database, make it accessible for a wide variety of purposes.

•Social Events - Besides our more serious work, we also sponsor some social events, such as a Gay Day at the Ball Gayme, where we take in a Pirates game and see our name put on the scoreboard; or Roller Skating.

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Sheriff

No data or response– 🐴: Eugene L. Coon; 🐘: Jeff Habay

Baldwin Boro Mayor

John N. Bova 🐴

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Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Bova	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Baldwin Boro Council

John Chalovich 🐴
John Ferris Jr. 🐴
E. John Egger 🐘

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No data or response– 🐴: Clayton Buchanan, Marian B. Joseph; 🐘: Edwin W. Beck, Charles C. Wesley, Joseph A. DeLuke

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Chalovich	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Ferris	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Egger	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Bethel Park Mayor

Reno Virgili 🐴

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No data or response– 🐘: Alan F. Hoffman

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Virgili	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Bethel Park Council

John Albert Pape, Sr.
Susan J. Hughes
Phillip B. Ehrman
Donald L. Harrison

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Alice E. Sheets

✓ "I believe that discrimination of any kind is wrong. If we continue to focus on our differences we will continue to divide ourselves."

✓ We must "work together to defeat the problems we all face"

✓ Supports same–sex domestic partner benefits for municipal employees because "they work for the benefits and they are entitled to the benefits they earned"

No data or response– :James P. Hannan, Charles F. Ciranni, Jeffrey P. Konyk; : Tim Taylor, George K. Beck

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Sheets	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Pape	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Hughes	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Ehrman	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Harrison	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Fox Chapel Mayor

No data or response– : Harry W. McLaughin Jr.

Fox Chapel Council

No data or response– : Elizabeth B. Owens, Joseph Becker, Jr., Susan Altman, Nathan K. Parker, Jr.

McKeesport Council

Douglas R. Weimer
Joseph P. Graziano
Emilio Ramon Navarro

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No data or response– 🐎: Edward B. Spando

Candidate Rating Table				
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Graziano	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Navarro	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Weimer	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Monroeville Mayor

No data or response– 🐘: Thomas R. Schuerger

Monroeville Council

No data or response– 🐎: Jack Doyle, Roger V. Guella, Nicholas R. DeCesare, Jack E. Sedlack; 🐘: Teresa Wright, Richard J. Lopiccolo, Aleck Wozniak; I: Paul R. George

Moon Supervisors

No data or response– 🐎: Mark A. Bricklemyer, Don Casasanta; 🐘: Jeffrey C. Bussard, Edwin L. Nelson; **Independent**: Henry Kinchen, Frank Mahr

Mt. Lebanon Commissioners

Tom Stevenson 🐘

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No data or response– 🐎: Daniel R. Gigler, Margaret A. Spratt; 🐘: Paul L. Wellener III

Penn Hills Council

John DePietro 🐎

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No data or response– 🐎: Phyllis T. Kernick; 🐘: William A. Pratt Jr., Michael J. Menner

Pittsburgh Mayor

Tom Murphy

✓ Was a sponsor and major spokesperson of the Hate Crimes Bill in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. The bill would have punished crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation.

✓ Co–sponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act

✓ Has advised lesbigay legislative advocates working on issues of importance to the lesbigay community

✓ Has lobbied colleagues in the House on behalf of the lesbigay community

✓ Has openly lesbigay members on his campaign staff

✓ Is prime sponsor of a bill forbidding businesses to consider pre-existing conditions in providing health insurance

Kathleen Matta

✓ Has openly lesbigay members on her campaign staff

✓ Came out in support of same-sex domestic partners benefits on a fundamentalist Christian talk show on radio station WORD

✓ Noted that several of her relatives, including her brother, are gay and said the lesbigay community's issues are her issues

Jeff Hitchcock *Drive For Five*

✓ "Never give up fighting for your rights!"

Duane Darkins *Darkins for Mayor*

✖ Opposes the opening of a personal care facility in East Liberty for PWAs and others, claiming the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese wants to "dump AIDS and everything else" in the Black community

✖ Reneged on his promise to "actively support" Pittsburgh's Lesbian and Gay Rights Amendment, and failed to even vote in favor of it

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Darkins	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Hitchcock	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matta	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Murphy	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓

Pittsburgh Council District 2

Alan D. Hertzberg

✓ "If elected to City Council, I will support your causes"

➠ All his answers were "yes" with no elaboration

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Hertzberg	✓	✓	✓	✓

Pittsburgh Council District 4

Joe Cusick

✓ "I am against any and all discrimination" including on the basis of sexual orientation

✓ Worked on passing Pittsburgh's Gay Rights Amendment

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Cusick	✓✓	✓	✓	✓

Pittsburgh Council District 6

Christopher A. Smith

✓ "Government is the tool to protect the rights of all individuals and until rights are secured for everyone, no one has all their God given rights to pursue their own destiny."

Adrienne M. Lindsay

✓ Has spent time investigating lesbigay issues

➡ Feels many problems, such as domestic partners laws, should be addressed at the state and federal levels, not the local level

✓ "Gays and lesbians are people too. I cannot judge anyone; that is for God to do, not me."

✓ Has openly lesbigay people working on her campaign

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Lindsay	✓✓	0	✓	✓
Smith	✓	0	✓	✓✓

Pittsburgh Council District 8

Dan Cohen

✓ Re-introduced the Gay Rights Amendment in City Council

✓ Introduced a resolution endorsing the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, lifting the ban on lesbigay people in the military, and proclaiming a special day in Pittsburgh in recognition of the goals of the March on Washington

✓ Assisted in defeating the repeal attempt on the Pittsburgh Gay Rights Amendment

✓ "Perhaps my proudest moment on City Council was when the gay and lesbian rights ordinance, which I co-sponsored and fought for, passed into law"

Alan R. Convard

➠ "I think all people should be judged on an individual basis"

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Cohen	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Convard	0	✖✖	0	NB

Plum Mayor

No data or response– / : Alfred John Franci

Plum Council

Albert Flickinger
Valerie J. Yockey

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Harry R. Schlegel

➠ "I will work with any person so long as they have the best interest of Plum Borough at heart"

No data or response– : Robert A. De Michiei, Richard A. Hrivnak; : Mary Ellen Coxon, Steven A. Kopelic

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Schlegel	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flickinger	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Yockey	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Ross Commissioners

J.R. McAfee
Mark Purcell
Peter A. Ferraro

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Don Huber

➠ Did not respond, although he has said in the past that he does not and will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation

No data or response– : Robert N. Decker

Candidate Rating Table				
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Ferraro	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
McAfee	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Purcell	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Shaler Commssioners

Thomas J. McElhone
A. John Koehler
Robert G. Marko

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No data or response– : James M. Boyle, Ron Wagner

Candidate Rating Table				
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Koehler	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Marko	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
McElhone	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

West Mifflin Mayor

Robert L. Hess

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Candidate Rating Table				
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Hess	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

West Mifflin Council

Frank L. Stupar
John A. Gremba
John Ed Koczka

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No data or response– : Regis L. Stephenson, Bonnie Nogy, Robert J. Kostelnik; : Tina Pristas

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Gremba	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Koczka	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Stupar	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Wilkinsburg Mayor

Wilbert Young

✓ "I am prepared to provide leadership on issues, including lesbian and gay rights issues"

✓ "If folks in elected positions in [small boroughs and townships] got together and took leadership, we could really make change, including for lesbian and gay rights"

✓ "Wilkinsburg should be prepared to stand up for what is right"

Sylvia LaFranchi

✓ Believes all police officers should have sensitivity training in lesbigay issues related to law enforcement

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Young	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
LaFranchi	✓	✓	✓✓	✓

Wilkinsburg Council

J. Gary Lewis
Sarah Beth Walkney

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Kara E. Whitfield

✓ Has indicated previously that she supports an ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, and noted that it is also incumbant upon the lesbigay community to support the rights of the Black community

James R. McGill

✓ Openly gay candidate and a founding member of CRY OUT!

✓ "I would not only approve the appointment of a lesbigay person to a governmental position, but would also continue to encourage openly lesbigay people to become more involved in the politcal process"

✓ Would introduce and actively work for the passage of legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

✓ Supports sensitivity training in hate crimes for police

Alexis Nedley

✓ "I know of no such discrimination [against lesbigay people in housing, employment and public accommodations] in our town, but if there was a need [for a non-discrimination ordinance], I would speak openly of this need and lobby other members of council to pass such legislation"

Michelle Scott

✓ "All people are equal"

No data or response– : Lawrence Kingsley, Jean G. Kirkland; : Walter Good

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Edwards	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lewis	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
McGill	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Nedley	✓✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walkney	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Whitfield	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓

Baldwin-Whitehall School Director

No data or response– / : Frances Woodruff, Paul J. Homer, A. Joanne Cass; : Karen H. Joos; : Donald T. Schleicher

Bethel Park School Director

No data or response– / : Don Anderson, John R. Pavesi, Richard Rose, Peggy Sebak

Gateway School Director

No data or response– / : Dan Nowak, Cynthia E. Griffin, Jim Olson, Judith L. Murray

McKeesport School Director

No data or response– / : Phyllis A. Irvin, Barbara J. Steveson, William J. Patterson; : Gerald J. Tedesco; : Terry D. Kincaid

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Moon School Director

Sean J. McCurdy

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Donna I. Filo

✓ Supports including tolerance of people regardless of sexual orientation in the health education curriculum (as opposed to the sex education curriculum)

✓ Supports educating teachers and counselors on lesbigay youth issues in the context of a program which included all minorities

✖ Would not support a request for a lesbigay students' club

Ronald Higey

✓ Is a right-wing fundementalist minister who has made his anti-lesbigay attitudes clear during this campaign

No data or response– : Patricia A. Lange; : Richard C. Iams; :Ronald L. Steele

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Filo	✓✓	✓	✓
McCurdy	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Mt. Lebanon School Director

No data or response– : Judy McVerry, Jean Palcho; : Mike Crossey, Jess Amchin; : John H. Ewing, Jr., Templeton Smith

North Hills School Director

No data or response– : Mark E. Scott, Thomas R. Milorski, Joan O'Brien, Dennis Watson

Penn Hills School Director

Linda DiLonardo Schlegel

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William A. Nott

➠ "People should be taught about all types of people, including lesbian and gay people, but it is not clear where it should fit into the educational system"

➠ Doesn't support specific outreach for lesbigay students, but believes counselors should be sensitive to the needs of lesbigay students and be able to refer them to appropriate agencies

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Barry Patterson, Margie Krogh; 🐎: John W. Joyce

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Nott	✓✓	✓	✓
Schlegel	✖	✖✖	✖✖

Pittsburgh School Director

Valerie A. McDonald 🐘/🐎

✓ Although she has not responded to the LGLV questionnaire this election, she indicated strong support for the lesbigay community in the past

Maggie Monahan Schmidt 🐘/🐎

✓ "I would support outreach programs for students trying to deal with their sexual identity"

✓ "I believe counselors should be educated relative to lesbian and gay issues, and trained to help these students deal with their feelings"

✓ "We have a responsibility to inform students about [AIDS], how it is transmitted, how to protect themselves, and how to interact with individuals with AIDS"

✓ "I feel that it is important for students to learn and practice respect and tolerance for others, in order to be able to perform in today's work environment"

✓ "Sexual orientation should be included in discussions of relationships in a manner that values diversity without judgement"

Jeanette K. Miller *Pittsburgh Taxpayers Alliance*

✖ "Homosexuality should be presented [in sex education courses], but not in such a way that it encourages this type of behavior as an accepted alternative lifestyle"

➠ Believes hiring and promotion should not be based on a person's sexual orientation "...unless their private life begins to interfere with their puiblic duties. For example, someone with full-blown AIDS should be discouraged from seeking employment as a cafeteria worker or school nurse"

Anthony Dutrow *Socialist Workers*

✓ Supports presenting homosexuality in sex education courses "in an accurate, scientific, objective, nonjudgemental way"

✓ Attended the '93 March on Washington for [Lesbigay] Rights & Liberation

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Phyllis Bianculli, Evelyn B. Neiser; 🐎: Alex Matthews; 🐘: Richard R. Flanagan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Dutrow	✓	✓	✓
McDonald	✓✓	NB	NB
Miller	0	✖	✖
Schmidt	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓

Plum School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Gary K Horner, Michael F Kozar, Andrew J. Becker; 🐎: James G Caliendo; 🐘: Mario Rivera

Quaker Valley School Director

Questionnaires were not actually sent to this district. However, the League has discovered that "stealth candidates", candidates who are affiliated with the right–wing fundamentalist extremist group "Christian Coalition", are running in this district. The Christian Coalition, some of whose members advocate death for lesbigay people, has the stated desire of taking over school boards and municipal governments across the US, and are targeting Pennsylvania in particular. As such, their candidates are particularly dangerous to the lesbigay community. See the Winter 1993 issue of the Voice for details. Other candidates, while they may not be favorable to lesbigay issues, are not, so far as we know, affiliated with the Christian Coalition. Also, see introduction to the guide.

Right–wing stealth candidates– 🐎: John LeCornu; 🐘: Kathleen H. Giles

Shaler School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Carol Vincent, Helen Catherine Bertuca, Debra Meyer-Kincak; 🐎: Audrey Wood; 🐘: Catherine Davidson

West Mifflin School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: John A. Connolly, Ned Mervos; 🐎: George Stojakovitch, David Fialkovitch; 🐘: MaryLou Wagner, James Skiff

Wilkinsburg School Directors

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: James B. Richard, Peter H. Thompson, Priscilla L. Jones; 🐎: Ernest Neal Ramsey; 🐘: Brian Magan

Aliquippa Council

No data or response– 🐴: Jessie Belle Walker , Anthony Battaglini

Beaver Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Robert Linn

Beaver Council District 1

No data or response– 🐴: Frederick Weigle; 🐘: David Williams

Beaver Council District 2

No data or response– 🐘: James Foster

Beaver Council District 3

No data or response– 🐴: Joseph Budicak; 🐘: Raymond Grosskopf, Clifford Conklin Jr

Beaver Falls Mayor

No data or response– 🐴:Glenn Campbell

Beaver Falls Council

No data or response– 🐴: Therese Ginand, Diann Ward; 🐘: Joanne Altsman, Derrick Stevenson

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No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Mike Kuga, James Bunger; 🐴: Paul Kokoski; 🐘: John Moss

Industry Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Donald Dilworth

Industry Council District 1

No data or response– 🐎: William Coble

Industry Council District 2

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Eleanor Hardman; 🐎: Rose Sosack; 🐘: Roland Heil

Monaca Mayor

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Francis Primo

Monaca Council

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Garry Venn, Dennis Cronin, Anthony Dibacco; 🐎: Eugene Caltury, Thomas Pranskey, Joseph Colatruglio

New Brighton Mayor

No data or response– 🐎: Richard Haddox, 🐘: Paul Spickerman

New Brighton Council

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: John Ramer, Thomas Albanese, Gale Dixon; 🐎: Robert Circle, Nicholas Rossi

Rochester Township Commioner

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Ralph Gerace; 🐎: Millard Sarver, Jr.; 🐎: George Bauer

Aliquippa School Director

No data or response– 🐎: Nick Kosanovich Jr, Danny Santia Jr, Arthur Piroli, Rose Marie Billingslea

Beaver Area School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Frank Bovalino, Daniel Vogt, Ronald Dishler, Jane Carey; 🐎: Orlando Crivelli; 🐘: Judith Rowse

Monaca School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Carl Korak, Michael Halama, Jacob Pokita, Thomas King

Rochester School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Edward Teets Sr., Guy O'Neil, Daniel Camp Jr., Gary Johnson; 🐴: Linda Keeling, Edward Onuska

Sheriff

No data or response– 🐴: Ken Bougher; 🐘: Larry Field

District Attorney

No data or response– 🐘: William Haberstroh

Prothonatary

Carol Newman 🐘

✖ Does not support the filing of sames–sex domestic partner agreements

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality
Newman	✖✖

Altoona Mayor

Raphael Voltz 🐘

✖ Resents lesbigay people asking for "special rights"

No data or response– 🐴: Ted Beam

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Voltz	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

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Altoona Council

Gene Leapley

➠ Has no opinions until he learns more on lesbigay issues

Sandy Fry

➠ Declined to take positions on any lesbigay issues

Regina Reighard

✓ Said "I am supportive in all areas of gay and lesbian rights" but failed to answer any specific questions regarding those rights

No data or response– : Arnold Goss, Mark Geis; : Tim Little

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Reighard	✓	NB	NB	NB

Bellwood Mayor

No data or response– : James Bonsell

Bellwood Council

No data or response– : Clarence Hostler, John Gunsallus; : Cameron Pickens, Clair Barth, Brian Kustaborder, Wayne Snare

Duncansville Council

No data or response– : Michelle Hazenstab, Charles Ahearn; : Hellen Dell, Cindy Blontz

Holidaysburg Mayor

James Shoemaker

✓ "I support equal rights for all people"

No data or response– : Patricia Winters

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Shoemaker	✓	✓	✓	✓

Hollidaysburg Council

No data or response– : Randy Manning, Bill Pequignot, Regis Nale

Tyrone Mayor

Gene Johnson

➡ Believes their needs to be better funding for health and social services overall; would not fund programs targeted for a specific segment of the population

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Johnson	✓	✓	✓	✓

Tyrone Council

No data or response– : Peggy Franz, Verden Latchford, James Ramsay

Altoona School Directors

Dennis Stewart /

✓ "I seek education for all students"

Richard Lockard /

✖ Adamantly opposed to support for lesbigay students, or even protecting school employees from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring and promotion

No data or response– /: Audrey Burchfield, Arthur Wood, Robert Mitchell, Sharon Kutz

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Lockard	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Stewart	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓

Bellwood School Director

No data or response– /: Dennis Minori, James Igou, John Shaffer, Linda Cherry

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Hollidaysburg School Director

Glenn Kephart 🐘/🐴

✖ "If elected, I would be looking out for the welfare of the children. The programs on the questionnaire [which include AIDS education, education for counselors and teachers of lesbigay youth issues, teaching of tolerance, and non–discrimination policies] would be a misappropriation of funds"

No data or response– 🐘/🐴: Richard McMaster, Dennis Wiseman, Patty Manning, Donald Hoover

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Kephart	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Tyrone School Director

No data or response– 🐘/🐴: Brian Brussler, Sam Conrad, George Field, James Crawford

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No data or response– 🐴: Steven C. Braden; 🐘: Dennis C. Rickard

Butler City Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Richard J. Schontz; 🐘: Ronald E. Forcht

Butler City Council

No data or response– 🐴: Charles E. Savannah, George W. Smith; 🐘: Joseph J. Bratkovich, Mitch Ufner

Butler Township Commissioner

No data or response– 🐴: Winnie Joyce Klara, Joseph C. Wiest; 🐘: Paul L. Langland, David V. Wigton

Center Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐴: Mary L. Thompson ; 🐘: Thomas P. Donaldson

Connoquenessing Borough Mayor

No data or response– 🐘/🐴: Richard H. Ream

Connoquenessing Borough Council

No data or response– 🐘: Lloyd Leslie , Harold Rader , Danny R. Wilson , Alan L. Peffer

Connoquenessing Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐴: Larry Kriess; 🐘: James H. Clark

Cranberry Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐴: Dan Wiegand, Bill Ambrass; 🐘: Roy Hurd

East Butler Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Richard Day

East Butler Council

No data or response– 🐴: Donald Thomas Jr., Frank S. Mattace, Albert C. Hahn; 🐎: Earl D. Fennell

Evans City Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Charles E. Schoeffel

Evans City Council

No data or response– 🐴: Homer B. Mercer; 🐎: Jean-Pierre Pressau

Mars Mayor

No data or response– 🐎/🐴: Scott Taggart

Mars Council

No data or response– 🐎/🐴: Alma Long-Staskiewicz; 🐴: Charles R. Marburger, David L. Davidson; 🐎: Laura Jo Gold , William F. Lambert, Donald H. Lewis

Slippery Rock Borough Mayor

Linda L. Lenz 🐎

✓ Very open to the concerns of the lesbigay community

✓ "We, in Slippery Rock, all live together as equal partners in community, regardless of any bias. If this should show itself as not true, I hope I am made aware of it"

No data or response– 🐴: Bill Hulings

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Lenz	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓

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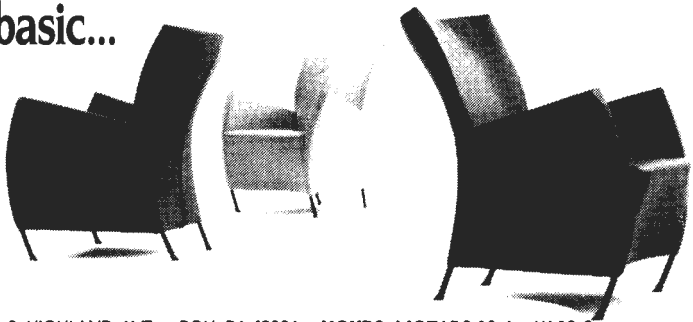

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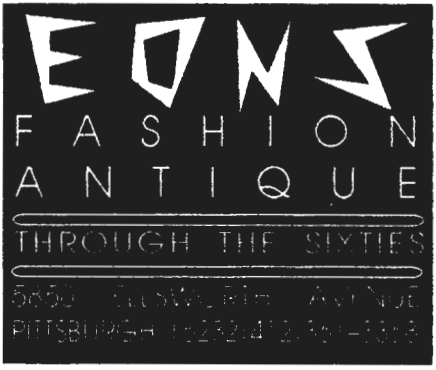

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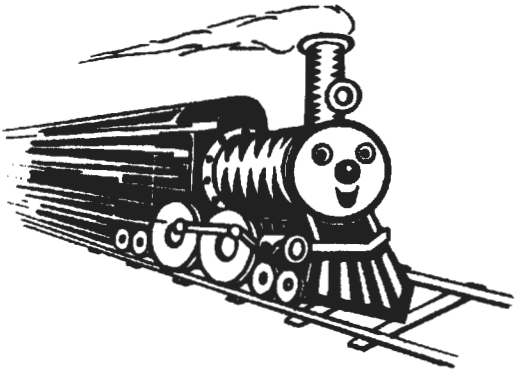

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No data or response– 🐎: Michael M. Hughes , Henry B. Hank Franz, Bill Hulings, Chuck Huffmyer; 🐘: Bonnie L. Raudenbaush, James H. Fergus, Royce A. Lorentz, Abbas G. Mamoozadeh

Slippery Rock Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐎:Paul Dickey; 🐘: Gary D. Hogg

Summit Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐘: Terry Steinheiser

Butler Area School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Lawrence H. May, Peg Dumbaugh, Penny Logan; 🐎: Lisa Nicholas Konesni; 🐘: Tom Kearse

Mars Area School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Darvin Dean Purvis, Karl E. Kennedy, David A. Howes; 🐎: Francis P. Long; 🐘: Herbert S. White

Slippery Rock Area School Director

No data or response– 🐎/🐘: Peter Surgenor, Christy Tichy, John D. Youngman; 🐎: Edmund B. Kinter; 🐘: William E. Adams

Seneca Valley School Director

No data or response– 🐘: Dean T. Berkebile, Ann Reale, Lee D. Kummer

State College Mayor

Bill Welch

✓ Voted as a council member in favor of the Fair Housing Ordinance, which bars discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, among other categories

Joseph Wakeley, Jr.

➠ "I would appoint noone, whatever sexual orientation, who threatened to behave on the job in a way likely to frighten, disturb, or distract a constituent."

✖ In 1989, ran against the current mayor as a write-in candidate when the mayor vetoed a fair housing ordinance because the ordinance did not include sexual orientation

✖ "'Gay' and 'Lesbian' are lifestyles. Such people may think of themselves as members of an oppressed minority group, but I think the oppression is usually directly proportional to the openess...

"I'm not advocating the closet here, but I am saying that those professing alternate lifestyles invite some of the oppression in a way that Blacks do not"

➠ "The problem for those who are somehow different (or consider themselves different) is the extent to hide or expose the difference so as to achieve or risk a rightful and secure place in society.

"I wish I knew the answer here... but I suppose it lies somewhere between my 'decorum' and your 'openness'"

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Wakeley	✖	✖	0	0
Welsh	✓✓	✓	0	0

State College Council

Adam Bender

✓ "I am an advocate for your [the lesbigay community's] rights as a citizen and an important facet of the community"

Janet Knauer

✓ "I am an advocate of a diverse and tolerant community and am opposed to discrimination on the basis of sexual preference"

Betty Grudin

✓ Has expressed support for the Fair Housing Ordinance as it stands

Ruth Lavin

✖ Voted against of the Fair Housing Ordinance, which bars discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, among other categories, saying "the law has all the appearance of a gay rights ordinance"

Jerry Wettstone

✖ Voted against the Fair Housing Ordinance, which bars discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, among other categories

No data or response– : Elaine McKelvey

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Bender	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grudin	✓	NB	NB	NB
Knauer	✓	✓	0	0
Lavin	✖✖	✖	NB	NB
Wettstone	✖✖	✖	NB	NB

State College Area School Director

Donna Queeney /

✓ "I certainly support outreach programs for students trying to deal with their sexual orientation."

✓ Has supported education of counselors on lesbiay youth issues in the past

Don Gordon /

✓ "Teachers that include sex education in their cirriculum should be free to use good judgement, common sense, and scientific data to explain homosexuality and indicate responsibilities incurred by partners for safe sex regardless of sexual preference"

Louis Glantz /

✓ Says lesbigay issues are especially important to him because he has a family member who is gay and HIV+

✖ Would not support a lesbigay student club (or any other "clubs for special interest groups" which also includes religious organizations)

✓ Supports educational on lesbigay youth issues for counselors and teachers

No data or response– /: Constance Martin, William Moyer, Robert Ascah

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Glantz	✓	0	✓
Gordon	✓	✓	✓
Queeney	✓	✓	✓✓

Sheriff

No data or response– 🐴: Merlyn Bus Corbett; 🐘: Vern E Smith

Clarion School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Pamela Morris-Smith, Ronald Perry, William J Smathers; 🐴: Ralph M Leary; 🐘: Karen M Pope,

Clarion Mayor

No data or response– 🐘: Robert M Yoho

Meadville Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Anthony G Petruso

Meadville City Council

Marjorie Hopkins 🐴

✓ Generally against discrimination, but vague on details

No data or response– 🐴: Francis W Richmond; 🐘: Dale Nichols

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Hopkins	✓	NB	NB	NB

Titusville Council

No data or response– 🐴: Timothy P McGregor; 🐘: Roger L Gordon, Kathy Newell McEnteer

Conneaut Region II School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Carol A Bocan, William Scott; 🐴: Irene L Mando; 🐘: Russell B Nelson

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Crawford Central School Director

Christopher Soff

✓ Unfamilliar with issues of lesbigay youth, but interested and open to learning more

John C White

➡ Open to further communication, but his general positions remain unclear

No data or response– : John C Clendenin, Charlotte C Thomas

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Soff	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
White	NB	NB	NB

Penn Crest School Director

Cynthia Snyder

✓ Believes AIDS education must be kept up-to-date

➡ Regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation, she asked "Do we have to know about their sexual orientation?"

Deborah G Morehead

✓ "We have to keep updated on info, as AIDS changes so much. There are not many AIDS patients in our area, but it will continue to grow. Why cover our eyes?"

No data or response– : John Anderson; : Virginia M Bowes; : Guy Burchill

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Morehead	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Snyder	NB	NB	NB

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Erie County Executive

Judy Lynch

✓ Has supported and was involved in the inception of the Erie AIDS Council

Sandra Hughs

✖ Member of the ultra right–wing John Birch Society. In defending the society, she said "If you're a member of the KKK, you're out [of the society]. If you are racist, you're out. If you are anti-semitic, you're out. If you are queer, you're out".

✖ Has acknowledged she has a problem with homosexuality

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Hughs	✖✖	NB	0	NB
Lynch	✓	NB	0	NB

Erie County Sheriff

Robert N Michel

✓ "If a person meets the qualifications for the job discription their sexual preference is not a consideration"

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Violence
Michel	✓	NB

Erie County Clerk of Records

Jay Riggle

✖ Active with extreme fundementalist right wing group, the so-called Pennsylvania Citizens for Excellence in Education

No data– : Patrick Fetzner

Corry Mayor

Jeffrey C Onink

➠ Although he responded, he never answered the questions on the questionnaire, and no other information was available about him

No data or response– : Jack Armitage

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Onink	NB	NB	NB	NB

Corry City Council

No data or response– 🐴:Mary E Edwards, Robert C Sanders; 🐘: Anne S Gould, Daniel R McEldowney

Erie Mayor

Joyce A Savocchio 🐴

✓ Somewhat supportive, but lacking commitment on the issues

No data or response– 🐘: Jack Anderson

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Savocchio	✓	NB	0	NB

Erie City Council

Randy S Brewer 🐘

➠ "I don't feel it is right to promise any group, or any special interest, anything at this time..."

Don Doutt 🐘

✓ Strongly supportive across the board

✓ "The personal preference of an individual is not even a rational issue, for a qualified worker"

Ned Smith 🐘

✖ Clearly is unsupportive of lesbigay issues as a whole

No data or response– 🐴: Stanley J Prazer, James N Thompson, Gayle M Wright, Bob Brabender; 🐘: Denise Illig Robison

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Brewer	NB	NB	NB	NB
Doutt	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Smith	✖✖	✖	0	✖

Erie School Director

No data or response– 🐴: Jim Herdzik, Len LoCastro Jr, Eva Tucker Jr; 🐘: Nancy K Brown, John C Harkins

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Millcreek School Director

Jayne L McDowell

✖ McDowell has been identified as a Christian Coalition 'stealth candidate'. These candidates are anti-lesbigay right-wing extremists. For more information on stealth candidates, please see the introduction at the beginning of this guide.

John Leubin

✓ "Everyone should be treated equally"

No data or response– : Patti Gathers, Alice E Niebauer

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
McDowell	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
Leubin	✓	0	0

Forest County Sheriff

James Homer Simpson

✓ Would see that sheriffs understand how to deal with HIV+ people

No data or response– : Harry E Tucker

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Violence
Simpson	0	✓

Region C School Director

No data or response– : Mark Hitchcock, Susan Trout; : Robert Leroy Porter

Tionesta Mayor

No data or response– : Randall E Whitton, : Elton E Kline

Tionesta City Council

Millie Russin

➠ "I do not condone this lifestyle. I do not and cannot understand it, but I also feel every person has the right live their belief as long as it is within the law"

No data or response– : Richard Blair, Bruce Johnston, Ronald Hall, Jeffrey Shreffler

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Russin	0	✖✖	NB	✓

Lawrence County Sheriff

No data or response– 🐴: Max A Roseck; 🐘:Robert L Clark

Lawrence County District Attorney

No data or response– 🐴: William M Panella

Ellwood City Area School Director

No data or response– 🐴: Ellen L Eckert, Wayne L Fosnot, Robert Small, MaryBeth Takacs Frisk, David Wehr; 🐘: George R Reese, Jr.

Laurel School Director

No data or response– 🐴: Alan Carlson, John M Sallmen Jr; 🐘: Phyllis Armogast, Calvin E Fisher, John W Wilson

Mohawk Area School Director

No data or response– 🐴: Eugene A Butch Jr, Joseph Nestasie, Jr.; 🐘: Robert L Hodge, William R Jackson, J W Laughner

New Castle Area School Director

No data or response– 🐴: Larry J Cioffi, Angelo A Papa Jr, Jeffery A Scrim; 🐘: Gary F Felasco, Paul L Malley Sr

Ellwood City Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Lawrence W Costa; 🐘: Roy P Meehan Jr

New Castle Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: John L Kline

New Castle City Council

No data or response– 🐴: Mark A Elisco, John Russo Jr; 🐘: Joseph J Fandozzi III

Sharon Mayor

Andrew Paul Kurelko

✓ "I will not tolerate a continuation of the laissez-faire attitude toward hate crimes which the present administration has adopted"

No data or response– : Robert T Price

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Kurelko	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓

Sharon City Council

No data or response– : Fred J Hoffman, Lou Rotunno

Sharon School Director

No data or response– / :Richard A Barnes, Pamela J Corini; : Donald E Golub Jr, Edward A Johnson, Thomas Reiter; : Janet E Herald

Lehigh County Executive

Nodata or response– 🐴: Daniel Dougherty; 🐎: Jane Baker

Lehigh County Commissioner - 1st District

Troy M. Schnyder 🐴

✓ Would support or introduce legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment, or public accomodations.

✓ Supports allowing domestic partners to register their relationship and extendir health benefits to same-sex partners of county employees

No data or response– 🐎: Sterling H. Raber

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Schnyder	✓✓	✓✓	0	✓

Lehigh County Commissioner - 2nd District

No data or response– 🐴: Carolyn G. Johnson; 🐎: Percy H. Dougherty

Lehigh County Commissioner - 3rd District

Emrich M. Stellar, Jr. 🐴

✓ Supports legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orienation

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Stellar	✓	✓	0	0

Lehigh County Commissioner - 4th District

No data or response– 🐴: Kenneth R. Graham; 🐎: Jeffrey A. Skinner

County Commissioner - 5th District

No data or response– 🐴: George A. Laughlin; 🐎: George Manakos

Allentown Mayor

Emma D. Tropiano *Indepedent Write – in*

✖ Does not support domestic partnership benefits because it "would set a bad precedent"

John F. Pressmann

✓ Voted for a version of the Hate Crimes Bill while a member of the State House of Representatives, The bill was designed to combat lesbigay bashing, and is the precvursor of the current bill, SB 1218.

No response or data– : William L. Heydt

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Pressmann	✓	✖	✓	0
Tropiano	✖	✖✖	0	NB

Allentown City Council

Ernest E. Toth

✓ Would support public hearings on the addition of sexual orientation to the city's human relations provisions

No data or response– : David M. Howells, Sr., William H. Edwards, Martin Velazquez III; : Lee D. Haas, Joseph S. Hilliard, Vincent G. Velivis, Terry Spinosa

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Toth	✓	0	0	0

City of Bethlehem – See Northampton County
Bethlehem Area School District – See Northampton County

Emmaus Mayor

No data or response– : Barry Barto; : Ronald V. Gilbert

Emmaus Borough Council

No data or response– : John A. Shafer; : Michael D. Nonnemacher, Richard G. Zayaitz, Patricia A. Gross, Thomas A. Petro

Fountain Hill Mayor

No data or response– 🐎: Fran Ferecncin; 🐘: Sean D. Lynch

Fountain Hill Borough Council

No datai or response– 🐎: Anthony W. Rapp, Norman E. Blatt, Jr., Karl H. Weid Donnamarie T. Capuano

Hanover Township Council

Sharon L. Yoder 🐎

✓ Would support legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

No data or response– 🐎: Bruce E. Paulus, Alvin H. Ripple

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Yoder	✓	✓	0	0

Whitehall Township Commissioner

No response or data– 🐎/🐘: Glenn Solt, Linda K. Snyder; 🐎: Richard L. Fahringer; 🐘: Kenneth S. Snyder

Allentown School Director

Dr. Willard S. Clewell, Jr. 🐎/🐘

✓ Supports sensitivity traning for teachers and counselors

➠ Opposes outcomes based education, but supports teaching complete tolerance

✖ Does not believe the public is ready to accept a policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in the hiring and promotion of school employees

Norman C. Ziegler 🐎

✓ Supports sensitivity training and education for teachers and counselors in dealing with lesbian and gay youth issues.

✓ Would support inclusion of homosexuality in sex education curriculm "like any other subject."

✓ Supports a policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring and promotion of school employees

No response or data– 🐎/🐘: Carol B. Watters; 🐎: John W. Reppert; 🐘: William J. Hoffman, James LeVan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Clewell	✖	0	✓
Ziegler	✓	✓	✓

East Penn School Director

No data or response–🐴/🐘: Joseph J. Lucadamo, Francine Dovial, E. Beth Kriner, Jeffrey W. DeHaan

Catasauqua Area School Direcvtor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Deanna M. Sawyer, Joseph T. Heber, June Hahn; 🐴: James F. Spaits; 🐘: Patricia Case

Southern Lehigh School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Patricia Noga, Mary Ann E. Schwenk, John R. Siplak; 🐴: William H. Miracle; 🐘: William H. Herring

Whitehall-Coplay School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Joyce Wheeler, Bernard Nederostek, Janet A. Eisenhauer, John F. Scheiner

Northern Lehigh School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Dianna L. Fahringer, Robert Cox, Christopher A. Green, Kevin Watkins

Northwestern Lehigh School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Kenneth K. Kistler, Curtis R. Dietrich, James R. Smith; 🐴: Fred Wechsler; R: Roy L. Shock

Parkland School Director

No response or data– 🐴/🐘: Eileen W. Ufberg, Robert Kirkland, Michael F. Basta, Herman Corradetti

Northampton County Executive

William L. Brackbill

- Did not respond to questionaire, but sent statement
- ` "...The critiera for hiring should be based on qualifications, and individuals should not be subjected to discriminatory practices."

No data or response– : Gerald E. Seyfried

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Brackbill	✓	NB	NB	NB

Northampton County Council

Norman Provost *Patriot*

- Responded only by sending a political brochure

Wayne A. Grube
Glenn F. Reibman
Ronald R. Heckman
Diane V. Elliot
John P. Luchansky

- The five Democratic candidates did not respond to the questionaire but sent a joint statement, promising to uphold current law, but did not mention the words "discrimination", "gay", "lesbian", or "sexual orientation"
- "...We have and do pledge to protect the civil and natural rights of all the people of Northampton County, as provided by law."

No data or response– : Margaret "Peg" Ferraro, Rick Gray, Samuel H. Krock, Jr., Gary R. McElwee, Christian G. Dammann; *P*: Amy Richard, Stan Novak, Keith Lysek, Mary Bingeman

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Grube	0	NB	NB	NB
Reibman	0	NB	NB	NB
Heckman	0	NB	NB	NB
Elliot	0	NB	NB	NB
Luchansly	0	NB	NB	NB
Provost	NB	NB	NB	NB

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City of Bethlehem Mayor

Cindy Marakovits

➠ Did not respond to questionaire, but sent a statement.

✓ "I firmly believe that everybody should receive equal and fair treatment. Sexual preference should not be a determining factor in hiring or appointing qualified people."

Kenneth Smith

➠ did not respond to questionaire, but sent a statement.

✓ "I am opposed to discrimination to any individual based on race, creed, sexual orientation, or any other individual guaranteed freedoms."

Jean Belinski *Patriot*

✓ "I would support an executive order banning any and all discrimination including sexual orientation."

✓ Would support legislation banning discrimination in housing, employment, and public accomodations on the basis of sexual orientation

✓ "I hope to work for equality for all Bethlehem residents and to offer them as many opportunities as possible."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Marakovits	✓	NB	NB	NB
Smith	✓	NB	NB	NB
Belinsky	✓✓	✓	✓	0

Bethlehem City Council

Jean Pearson

✓ "I do not believe that sexual preference shoul be a deciding factor in appointments"

✓ "I respect the rights of all individuals to fair, equal, and respectful treatment, regardless of sexual, political, or philasophical orientation.

Thomas E. Mohr

➠ Did not resond to questionaire but sent an insubstantial statement.

Larry Kisslinger

✖ Would not support gay/lesbian rights legislation.

✖ Would not extend city employee health benefits to domestic partners.

✖ "I would not allow any discrimination against you. However, I would not be a part of giving you more rights than others. I would not be in favor of any legislation that would appear to be sanctioning your sexual orientation as

supported by the government. I believe in the traditional family of man, woman and children et al."

No data or response– 🐎: James A. DelGrosso, Michael Loupos, Pat Kesling; 🐘: Otto Ehrsam, Jr., Thomas G. Burke; *G*: Margaret I. "Greta" Browne

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
Pearson	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Mohr	NB	NB	NB	NB
Kisslinger	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Bethlehem City Controller

No data or response– 🐎: Wallace J. DeCrosta

Easton City Council

No data or response– 🐎: William D. Houston, Carol Weaver; 🐘: Barbara Groner, Brian E. Ahearn

Bethlehem Township Treasurer

Mary Ann McGraw 🐎

✓ Writes that she has no legislative authority, but seems to oppose discrimination. She would enforce legislation banning discrimination as a human rights issue

No data or response– 🐘: Joseph D'Angiolillo

Bethlehem Township Commissioner - Ward 2

No data or response– 🐎: Fran Sitoski

Bethlehem Township Commissioner - Ward 4

No data– 🐎: Hal Mellor; 🐘: Allen J. Robertson

Hanover Supervisor

No data or response– 🐎: Frank T. Colon; 🐘: Joan Rosenthal

Palmer Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐎: Jeffrey A. Young; 🐘: David E. Gerspach

Bethlehem Area School Director

Charlene A. Koch

➡ Not convinced that best interest of gay and lesbian students would be served by on campus club

✓ Supports sensitivity training for counselors

✓ supports inclusion or homosexuality in the sex education curricula

✓ supports non discrimination policy for school employees that includes sexual orientation

No data or response– : Shirley Bilheimer, William J. Heske, Lynn A. Glancy; *L*: Daniel P. Mohn

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Koch	✓	✓	✓

Easton Area Region II School Director

No data or response– : Noreen Romano; : Frank W. Nodoline; : David Moore

Easton Area Region III School Director

Nancy Walters

✓ Supports sensitivity training for teachers and counselors

➡ Would support state mandates on AIDS education

✓ Hiring decisions based on qualifications not sexual orientation

No data or response– : Charles Palmeri

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Education	Support
Walters	✓	0	✓

Saucon Valley School Director

No data or response– : Michael J. Karabin, Susan Baxter, Joseph A. Kelhart, William K. Schellhaas

Venango County Sheriff

Gene Price

- ✓ "We [Price is the incumbant] have a written policy now" on non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
- ✓ Under Price's adminstration, the Sheriff's Department has implemented sensitivity training for dealing with lesbigay people and with People With AIDS

No data or response– : Robert Dana Blair

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Violence
Price	✓✓	✓✓

Venango County District Attorney

No data or response– : Willism Burwell; : Marie T Veon

Franklin Mayor

No data or response– :Jack C Sanford

Sugarcreek Mayor

No data or response– :John Dennis McClelland

Oil City Council

No data or response– :Robert L McGinty; : Richard K Baker, Merrill L Whitling

Franklin School Director

No data or response– / :Jonathan L Baker, William Powell, Susan M Smith; : Eugene Gibbs; : Walter Donaldson, Patricia Moore

Warren County District Attorney

No data or response– 🐎: Joseph A Massa Jr

Region I and II School Director

No data or response– 🐎: Maurice J Cashman, Don Nelson, Dan Doherty

Warren City Mayor

No data or response– 🐘: John R Nemcovsky

Warren City Council

No data or response– 🐎: Karen Davis; 🐘: Mary E Conarro, Joann Firestone, Ralph J Papalia

Washington Sheriff

Patrick D Bradley 🐘

✓ "I as an individual do not believe in the gay or lesbian lifestyle. I as a police officer would without hesitation defend your right to be who you are and whatever you want to be in life. But foremost I'd defend your rights as American citizens"

No data or response– 🐎: James A Fuzzy Fazzoni; I: Samuel Secreet

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Violence
Bradley	✓✓	✓

Recorder of Deeds

Kathy McCullough–Testa 🐘

✓ As an elected official, I feel that it is my responsibility to ensure equal opportunities for everyone

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality
McCullough–Testa	✓✓

Canonsburg Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Daniel A. Caruso

Canonsburg Council

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Joyce Vajentic Faiella, Joseph F. Gowern; 🐴: John P Bevec, Jean Popp, Charles A Kacvinsky

California Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Joseph Dochinez

California Council

No data or response– 🐴: John P. DiFilippo, Patrick Messina, Edwin (Chip) Glab, Robert P. Sepesy; 🐘: James A. Maddiex

Burgettstown Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Thomas McGraw

Burgettstown Council

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: George Ankley; 🐴: Richard K. Alvarez, John F. Weidert, Walter D. Farner

Charleroi Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Edward M. Paluso

Charleroi Council

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Mark L. Alterici; 🐴: Walter Hopkins, Paul (Kent) Yohe, Jr.; 🐘: Cora Sue DuCoeur, Lawrence S. Cook

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Houston Council

Kathy McCullough–Testa

✓ "I feel that discrimination of any kind, including that based upon sexual orientation, is wrong. As an elected official, I feel it is my responsibility to ensure equal opportunities for eveyone"

No data or response– : David Schalz, Deborah LeRoy, Alan Zofchak, Barbara Antonietta; : Elizabeth Arnold, Rick Adams

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Funding
McCullough-Testa	✓✓	✓	NB	NB

Monogahela Council

No data or response– : Donald R Devore, Robert Hillman

Washington City Council

No data or response– : Susanne Getto Gomez, L Anthony Sonny Spossey; : George H Stewart

Canon-McMillan School Director

No data or response– / : Edward Yorke, Nicholas Cianelli, Jr.; : Ray Romano

California School Director

No data or response– / : Lily L. Farquhar, Thomas P. Russell, Barry R. Niccolai; : Michael J. Digon; R: Blaine Winfield

Charleroi School Director

No data or response– / : Rosalie Carroll, Robert K. Lusk, Robert E. Moody, Kenneth J. Wiltz

Washington School Director

No data or response– / : David R. Johnston, Jane S. Fergus, Alvin W. Spence; : Tony Nicolella; : Maryann B. Weinstein

District Attorney

No data or response– 🐴: John J. Driscoll

Arnold Council

No data or response– 🐴: Anthony R. Santucci, Walter W. Weber

East Vandergrift Council

No data or response– 🐴: Andrew Thomas, Margie Reed, Sylvia Linkus, Joseph L. Filipek

Greensburg Council

No data or response– 🐴: Ronald R. Mertz, Karl E. Eisaman; 🐘: Elizabeth M. Scott

Jeannette Mayor

No data or response– 🐴: Glenn D. Hoak

Jeannette Council

No data or response– 🐴: James F. Solomon, Edward F. Singer, Jr.

Latrobe Borough Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: James Gebicki

Latrobe Borough Council

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Samuel DePasquale, Donald Albert; 🐴: Charles A. Dominick, Fabian Giovannagelo, Doris Herald; 🐘: Gerald T. Akins, Michael Skip Conway

Ligonier Township Supervisor

No data or response– 🐴: Grover T. Binkey; 🐘:Keith A. Whipkey

New Kensington Council

No data or response– 🐴: Jeffrey W. Thomas, Bernie Kubiak; **Independent**: Dennis F. Gianotti

Vandergrift Mayor

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Alan Mikula

Vandergrift Council

No data or response– 🐴: James H. Dunmire, Jr., Janice Kamada, Kathleen Chvala, Eugene P. Raschiatore, Richard P. Arduino; 🐘: Jack E. Jewart

Greensburg Salem School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Kathleen H. Burkley, Barbara C. Hinkle, Judith L. Payne; 🐴: Karen Hutchinson Stepanovich; 🐘: Amy Maxwell

Jeannette City School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: John Busato, Wiliam Brasco; 🐴: William F. Hoffman, Jr., Sam Casino, Jr., Mark Gogo Gogolsky; 🐘: Sandra L. Marsh

Lower Burrell School Director

Elaine Resetar 🐴/🐘

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Mount Pleasant Area School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Warren L. Leeder, Bonnie C. Barber; 🐴: Gene D Rosky, Bob L. Covert; 🐘: Daniel Miller, George A. Eicher

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New Kensington-Arnold School Director

No data or response– 🐴/🐘: Gordie Lukus, Mary Jo Retzer; 🐴: Tom Murphy

Penn–Trafford School Director

Lawrence M. Wojcik, Jr. 🐴/🐘

✖ Questionnaires were not sent to candidates in this district; however, Wojcik has been identified as a Christian Coalition 'stealth' candidate. These candidates are anti-lesbigay right–wing extremists. For more information on stealth candidates, please see the introduction at the beginning of this guide.

Carlisle V. Lloyd 🐘

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